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NOTICE

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Workshop on Glass Cleaning

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As more and more curbside collection programs change their collection methods and business practices, there have been impacts to quality, consistency, and nature of the glass being collected. The Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling (Division) recognizes the complexity of issues surrounding glass quality (including, but not limited to, contamination as a result of the single stream collection method).

The Division is conducting workshops to solicit comments and recommendations from all interested parties relating to glass cleaning within California's Beverage Container Recycling Program (Program). Specifically, the workshops will focus on Program payments (i.e., CRV, Processing Payments, Quality Glass Incentive Payments) and issues surrounding mixed-color glass, MRF residuals, and California Code of Regulations CCR § 2425(h).

CCR § 2425(h) requires processors purchasing glass from a certified dropoff or collection program, community service program or curbside program to visually inspect every load of glass to determine eligibility for refund value and contamination of the load.

Under current law, if the load has a greater than 10% contamination by weight, the processor can request approval from the Division for an alternative method of preparing the shipping report for payment. The alternative method must include a glass-cleaning process that produces cullet that meets American Society for Testing and Materials specifications for use in manufacturing glass containers.

The Division is seeking recommendations to further clarify CCR § 2425(h) and to develop workable procedures for assessing contamination levels. Comments and recommendations received at the workshops may be used as the basis for amending CCR § 2425(h).

The workshops will be held at the following locations and dates:

Sacramento Workshop
March 17, 2003, 1:00 – 3:30
6th Floor Conference Room
1027 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**Los Angeles Workshop:
March 19, 2003, 9:30 – 12:00
Junipero Serra Building
Pacific Ocean Room
320 West 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013**

**Oakland Workshop:
March 21, 2003, 9:30 – 12:00
Elihu Harris Building
Conference Room 10
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612**

Please email Vicky Castle at vcastle@consrv.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding these workshops. We look forward to working collaboratively with you as we work to address these important recycling issues.

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